

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

April 6, 2006

CALL TO PODIUM:

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AGENDA ITEM:

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PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

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Policy Discussion	

TITLE:

Presentation from Representatives from the Mass Transit Administration Concerning Issues Associated With the Corridor Cities Transitway Alignment and the Proposed Crown Farm Annexation - X-182

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

During the fall 2005 Crown Farm charrette, the concept of modifying the proposed Corridor Cities Transitway Alignment was discussed at length. The current alignment shows the transitway going diagonally through the property with two transit stations. The proposed modifications show the alignment either parallel to Fields Road or going in the median of Fields Road then bisecting the farm along Decoverly Drive. Additionally, the proposed alignment shift would only have one transit station that would serve both the Washingtonian Center and the Crown Farm development.

Staff from Park and Planning, the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation, and the City are all in agreement that the proposed alignment shift has merit. Staff and the development team has held a series of meetings with the Mass Transit Administration Corridor Cities Transitway Project Team concerning the proposed shift of the alignment. The Project Team has been generally supportive of the alignment shift but has expressed concerns about the increased costs particularly if the alignment is to be put in the median of Fields Road. Additionally, the Mass Transit Administration Project Team notes that the draft Environmental Impact Statement would have to be amended.

As a first step in pursuing an amendment, the Project Team would like the City to coordinate a meeting to receive public comment on the proposed alignment shift. It is anticipated that this meeting will be held early May, 2006.

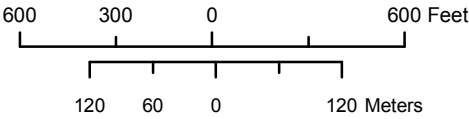
During the course of the April 3, 2006 Mayor and City Council meeting representatives of MTA will give the Mayor and Council a brief presentation on this issue and will be available to answer any questions they may have. For your review, I have attached a diagram showing the currently approved alignment and the proposed modified alignment.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Hear Presentation.

Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT)

Crown Farm Alternate



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